

Board of Public Works and Safety
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Board members Stephen Barnett and Bob Swinehamer answered roll call.

Chief of Police Tim O'Sullivan, Fire Chief Dan McElyea, Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner, Sewer Billing Office Manager Sherry Phillips, DPW Superintendent Rick Littleton, Community Development Specialist Rhoni Oliver, City Engineer Travis Underhill, Street Commissioner Brett Jones, Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also in attendance.

Mayor McGuinness led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

No one asked to speak.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held March 2, 2015
2. Board of Works Claims.
 - Payroll in the amount of \$313,889.27
 - #030415 RDC Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$2,839.98
 - #030615 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$96,993.00
 - #030715 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$47,956.79
 - Payroll Missed Overtime in the amount of \$875.33
 - #031615 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$228,358.89
 - #031515 Sewer Utility General Obligations in the amount of \$104,208.33
 - #031415 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$304.94
 - #031315 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$81,736.01

Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Mr. Swinehamer reminded the Board that Dave Betts made a request at a previous meeting asking the City to reduce the speed limit on Paris Drive. Police Chief O'Sullivan stated that patrol officers watched the area and determined that most drivers were driving under the posted limit. Mayor McGuinness made a motion to dismiss the request, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Request Use of City Parking Lot, Corner of Monroe & Water Streets: May 21-25 & October 1 - 5 - John M. White of Franklin Lions Club came forward to ask permission to use the city owned parking lot on the corner of Monroe & Water Streets for the Lions Club annual fish fries. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Additional Handicap Signs for Second Missionary Baptist Church – Ms. Deborah Edwards, the church’s Vice-President - Board of Operations came forward and requested additional handicap signs for the Second Missionary Baptist Church. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness made a motion to install one (1) handicap sign on West St., and one (1) handicap sign for Sunday only on Madison Street, seconded by Mr. Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Franklin Township Fire Protection Contract 2015 – Ms. Gray stated typographical changes were made to the original contract and it is ready for action tonight. Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Retirement of Sergeant Hood's Service Weapon, Glock Model 23 - Police Chief O'Sullivan stated that March 23, 2015 will be Sergeant Hood’s last day; he would like permission to retire his service weapon as of this date. Chief O’Sullivan declared the value of the weapon to be \$429.00 for income tax purposes. Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve retiring service weapon Glock Model 23, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Sign Placement Related to Engine Compression Brakes - City Engineer Underhill stated that Council recently adopted an ordinance regulating Engine Compression Brakes and presented a placement plan for approval. Mr. Underhill stated he learned that INDOT does not allow regulation of compression brakes so no signs can be placed on US 31. Signs will be put up on roadways under our control. He stated that since a portion of State Road 44 is now ours, signs may be placed along that route. Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve the sights for signs, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Authorization to Cut Pavement Less Than Three Years Old (Per Ordinance 10-16) - Intersections of Madison/Breckenridge Streets and King/North Main Streets – City Engineer Underhill stated that the Planning Department has been coordinating with Indiana American Water on street cut standards. Ms. Jacquelyne Sanders, Indiana American Water explained that the work planned will include replacement of out dated water hydrants. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Sidewalk Encroachment Application Packet - Senior Planner Myers came forward and stated this was the application packet for sidewalk encroachment. Mr. Swinehamer asked why the businesses need to get a permit. City Attorney Gray stated this needs to be done so that we can keep track of what businesses have permission to do this. A discussion was held. Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with two members stating aye, and one member stating nay. The motion carried.

Other Business

There was no Other Business presented.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

Parks Superintendent Orner stated that new Park signage has been installed at: Morgan Park; Community Park; Province Park; Depot Park; Blue Heron Park, and the Active Adult Center. He explained that this is just the first phase of a larger sign replacement project throughout park properties.

Police Chief O'Sullivan recognized Deputy Chief Tennell and Lieutenant Ketchum for 20 years of service with the Franklin Police Department.

Mayor McGuinness introduced the new Fire Chief, Dan McElyea stating that he was appointed last Friday.

City Engineer Underhill stated that we are back in construction season. Contractors have begun work on a water main installation on North Main Street and they plan to begin the work to finish North Main Street around March 30th.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 03/30/15

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer